GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1167
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2005
COVERAGE UNDER ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJANA
Nambadan Shri Lonappan

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) cards are being given to poorest of poor households to ensure food security;

(b) if so, the details of the categories of population eligible for coverage under the AAY both in urban and rural areas separately, State-wise;

(c) whether the coverage of card holders under AAY is very poor in urban areas especially in Delhi;

(d) if so, State-wise details of card holders in urban and rural areas; and

(e) steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the coverage of AAY in urban areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Antyodaya Anna Yojana cards are being issued to the poorest of the poor BPL households with a view to reducing hunger among them and ensure food security since December, 2000. The criteria for selection of households under AAY continue to be the poorest of the poor from the BPL list with a thrust on categories like landless agricultural labourers, marginal farmers, rural artisans/craftsman such as potters, tappers, weavers, black-smith, carpenters etc. in the rural areas and slum dwellers and persons earning their livelihood on daily basis in the informal sector like potters, rickshaw-pullers, cart-pullers, fruit and flower sellers on the pavement etc. in urban areas in the country.

(c) & (d): Details of card holders under AAY is not maintained area wise by the Government. After inception of the Scheme in December, 2000 for one crore poorest of the poor BPL households its coverage has been progressively expanded to 2.5 crore BPL households so far. As against this, the number of AAY families identified and issued ration cards is 1.82 crore. State-wise details are annexed.

The Government of NCT of Delhi has identified and issued distinctive ration cards to 56249 AAY families as on today against the target of 1.56 lakh. The next phase of identification and issue of cards begins on 01.09.2005.

(e): As per the announcement made in the Union Budget the coverage of AAY has already been increased from 2 crore (last year) to 2.5 crore during this year, both for rural and urban areas.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1167 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 1.8.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA. As on 25.7.2005

Sl. No.	State/UT	Estimated No. of AAY households (in lakhs)	No. of identified and Ration Cards issued by the State Governments/UTs (in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15.578	12.336
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.380	0.301
3.	Assam	7.040	4.115
4.	Bihar	25.010	10.000
5.	Chhatisgarh	7.189	5.693
6.	Delhi	1.568	0.555
7	Goa	0.184	0.110
8.	Gujarat	8.128	6.437
9.	Haryana	3.025	1.815
10.	Himachal Pradesh	1.971	1.543
11.	J&K	2.822	2.181
12.	Jharkhand	9.179	7.268
13.	Karnataka	11.997	9.500
14.	Kerala	5.958	4.718
15.	Madhya Pradesh	15.816	12.447
16.	Maharashtra	25.053	19.838
17.	Manipur	0.636	0.504
18.	Meghalaya	0.702	0.556
19.	Mizoram	0.261	0.206
20.	Nagaland	0.475	0.376
21.	Orissa	12.645	10.013
22.	Punjab	1.794	0.717
23.	Rajasthan	9.321	7.355
24.	Sikkim	0.165	0.099
25.	Tamil Nadu	18.646	14.765
26.	Tripura	1.131	0.679
27.	Uttaranchal	1.909	1.145
28.	Uttar Pradesh	40.945	32.423
29.	West Bengal	19.857	14.207
30.	A&N Islands	0.107	0.043
31.	Chandigarh	0.088	0.035
32.	D&N Haveli	0.069	0.037

33. Daman & Diu	0.015	0.006
34. Lakshdweep	0.012	0.004
35. Pondicherry	0.322	0.255
Total	250.000	182.282